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SHORT COMMUNICATION

Additional Records of British Reed Beetles (Coleoptera: Donaciinae).—Several new records have come to light since Menzies & Cox (1996) published their excellent guide to British Donaciinae. These include several records from Vice-counties not included on their maps.

Donacia bicolora Zschach. North Hampshire (VC12). Along River Slea from Kingsley (SU7837) to confluence with the River Wey near Sleaford (SU8138) and along the Wey to Surrey border, 1995–7. Also on North Branch of the River Wey from Holybourne (SU7440) to Surrey border at (SU8144), v. 1997.

D. cinerea Herbst. Ashton Keynes (SU036952), N. Wiltshire (VC7), 30.v.97; Somerford Keynes (SU026948), E. Gloucs. (VC33), 30.v.97 on *Typha*.

D. versicolorea (Brahm). Ravenstonedale Moor (NY6906) Westmorland (VC69) 16.viii.97 on *Potamogeton natans*. First spotted by my wife, Wendy.

D. vulgaris Zschach. Ashton Keynes (SU036952), N. Wiltshire (VC7), 30.v.97 on *Typha*. Smardale Gill (NY7206) Westmorland (VC69), recorded by Roger Key and John Bratton in 1993.

Plateumaris discolor (Panzer). Askham, River Lowther (NY5117). Westmorland (VC69) 29.vi.96.

P. sericea (L.) Smardale Gill, Westmorland (NY7206), recorded by Roger Key and John Bratton in 1993.

Sinclair (1997) mentions the first record of *Donacia impressa* Paykull from Kirkcudbrightshire (VC73). A pair taken in 1996 at Woodhall Loch (NX6766). He also includes a modern record for *D. thalassina* Germar from the same vice-county. These records do little to alter the trend of consolidation of the commoner species alongside a decline of the rarer taxa. The main exception to this being the healthy population of *D. bicolora* (our most dramatically declining species of all), along the River Wey catchment. I thank Dr Roger Key for allowing me to publish his records. — JONTY DENTON, 26 Bow Street, Alton, Hants. GU34 1NY.

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